

1.1: Plane Curves

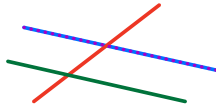
Dfn: Line $L \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ given by solutions of the equation $ax + by + c = 0$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2$, $a, b, c \in \mathbb{C}$ ($a, b \neq (0, 0)$).

Prop: $P_1, P_2 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ distinct. Then $\exists!$ Line passing through them.

equation of line is given by: $\det \begin{pmatrix} x & y & 1 \\ x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$

Prop: L_1, L_2 in \mathbb{C}^2 . Then one of these is true:

- $L_1 = L_2$
- $L_1 \cap L_2 = \{P\}$, $P \in \mathbb{C}^2$,
- $L_1 \cap L_2 = \emptyset$ (parallel)



Dfn: Conic $C \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ is a plane curve given by

$$q(x, y) = ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = 0$$

$(a, b, c) \neq (0, 0, 0)$.

Irreducible: if polynomial does not factor.

Rem: Reducible conic:

$$ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dx + ey + f = (\alpha_1 x + \beta_1 y + \gamma_1)(\alpha_2 x + \beta_2 y + \gamma_2)$$

= union of two lines.



and other degenerate cases.

Prop: L a line and C a conic. Then either $C = LU L_2$ for some line L_2 (C is reducible) or $|L \cap C| \leq 2$.

Dfn: Plane curve $C \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ given by equation $p(x, y) = 0$, $p(x, y)$ is non-constant poly.

1.2 Projective Curves

Dfn: Complex projective line $\mathbb{P}^1 = (\mathbb{C}^2 \setminus (0, 0)) / \sim$, where $x \sim \lambda x \forall \lambda \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

homogeneous coordinates: $[x : y] = [\lambda x : \lambda y]$.

Rem: $[x : y] \in \mathbb{P}^1$ gives line $ax + by = 0 \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ through origin.

$\mathbb{P}^1 = \mathbb{C}$ "with an extra point at infinity".

Dfn: Complex projective plane $\mathbb{P}^2 = (\mathbb{C}^3 \setminus (0, 0, 0)) / \sim$

where $(x, y, z) \sim (\lambda x, \lambda y, \lambda z) \forall \lambda \neq 0 \in \mathbb{C}$.

$[x : y : z] = [\lambda x : \lambda y : \lambda z]$.

Cor: $\mathbb{P}^2 = \mathbb{C}^2$ with a disjoint \mathbb{P}^1 (line at infinity)

Dfn: Projective curve $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ given by the equation $p(x, y, z) = 0$,

where p is a nonzero homogeneous polynomial.

Dfn: Line $L \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ given by solutions of the equation $ax + by + cz = 0$ $[x : y : z] \in \mathbb{P}^2$,

where $(a, b, c) \neq (0, 0, 0)$.

Prop: $P, Q \in \mathbb{P}^2$, $P \neq Q$. Then $\exists!$ line passing through P and Q

$P = [x_1 : y_1 : z_1]$, $Q = [x_2 : y_2 : z_2]$, equation is given by:

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} x & y & z \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Prop: $L_1, L_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$. Then either $L_1 = L_2$ or $|L_1 \cap L_2| = 1$.

Dfn: Conic $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ is given by solutions of

$$ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dxz + eyz + fz^2 = 0$$

where $(a, b, c, d, e, f) \neq (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$

Prop: $L, C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$. Then either $C = LU L_2$ for some L_2 , or $|L \cap C| = 1$ or 2 .

1.3 Projective Transformations

Affine transformation: $\mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$: $T(x) = Ax + B$, where

$A \in GL_2(\mathbb{C})$ and B a translation vector.

\hookrightarrow Euclidean: A orthogonal

Projective Transformation: $\mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$: $T(x) = MX$, $M \in GL_3(\mathbb{C})$.

$$PGL_3(\mathbb{C}) = GL_3(\mathbb{C}) / \mathbb{C}^*$$

identity map = $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$, $\lambda \neq 0$

Thm: $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 \in \mathbb{P}^2$, such that no three are collinear. Then \exists projective transformation $\phi: \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ s.t.

$$\phi(P_1) = [1 : 0 : 0] \quad \phi(P_3) = [0 : 0 : 1]$$

$$\phi(P_2) = [0 : 1 : 0] \quad \phi(P_4) = [1 : 1 : 1]$$

$P_i = [x_i : y_i : z_i]$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ z_1 & z_2 & z_3 \end{pmatrix}$ is a projective trans. giving $\varphi([1:0:0]) = P_1$, $\varphi([0:1:0]) = P_2$, $\varphi([0:0:1]) = P_3$.

Thm: $P_1, \dots, P_5 \in \mathbb{P}^2$ distinct, and no 3 collinear. Then

$\exists!$ conic passing through them.

1.4 Classification of Conics

Thm: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ a conic. Then \exists a projective trans.

$\phi: \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ such that $\phi(C)$ is one of the following:

- ① $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0$ (irreducible) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
- ② $x^2 + y^2 = 0$ ($L \cup Lz$) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- ③ $x^2 = 0$ (double line) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Slides show how to find such a transformation.

eqn of conic $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$, $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 + dxz + eyz + fz^2 = 0$

can be written in symmetric matrix form:

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} a & b/2 & d/2 \\ b/2 & c & e/2 \\ d/2 & e/2 & f \end{pmatrix}$$

Prop: conic $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ is irreducible iff $\det(B) \neq 0$.

Thm (Intersection of Conics)

Suppose $C, C' \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ are two unequal irreducible

conics. Then $|C \cap C'| \leq 4$.

2.1 Smoothness, Tangents and Transversality

Dfn: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ an irreducible curve, $P \in C$ is **smooth** if the gradient $\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} \right) \Big|_P \neq (0,0,0)$

Smooth curve: P smooth $\forall P \in C$.

Sing(C) = set of singular points of C .

Dfn: $f(x,y,z)$ irred. curve $\subset \mathbb{P}^2$, $p = [\alpha:\beta:\gamma]$ a smooth point.

Then the **tangent line at P :**

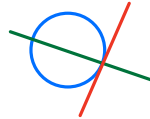
$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(\alpha,\beta,\gamma)z = 0$$

Lem: a line is smooth

Lem: an irreducible conic is smooth.

Dfn: $C_1, C_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ curves intersecting at P . This intersection is called **transverse** if

- ① P is smooth in both C_1 and C_2
- ② Tangent lines of P in C_1 and C_2 differ.



transverse:
not transverse:

Prop: $L \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ a line and C an irreducible conic.

Then either L is tangent to C ($|L \cap C| = 1$), or L intersects C transversely at 2 points.

Prop: $C_1, C_2 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ distinct, irred. conics. Then they intersect transversely at all points \Leftrightarrow there are 4 intersection points.

2.2 Bezout's Theorem

Thm: $f(x,y)$ nonzero homogeneous poly of deg d . Then $f(x,y) = 0$ in \mathbb{P}^1 consists of d points counted with multiplicity.

Bezout's Theorem:

$f(x,y,z), g(x,y,z)$ hom. poly without common factors.

Then the solutions of the system $\begin{cases} f(x,y,z) = 0 \\ g(x,y,z) = 0 \end{cases}$ in \mathbb{P}^2 are given by

$\deg(f)\deg(g)$ points counted with multiplicity.

Bezout's Theorem: C_1, C_2 distinct irred. curves with degrees d_1 and d_2 . Then there are $d_1 d_2$ intersection points counted with multiplicity.

Rem: common factor \Rightarrow infinitely many solutions (in \mathbb{P}^2)

Dfn (Intersection multiplicity at P). Assume $P = [0:0:1]$:

$R = \mathbb{C}[\bar{x}, \bar{y}]_{(0,0)} :=$ commutative ring of quotients of polynomials $\frac{a(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}{b(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}$ where $b(0,0) \neq 0$.

$I \subset R :=$ ideal generated by $f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, 1)$ and $g(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, 1)$.

Intersection multiplicity $= (f,g)_P := \dim_{\mathbb{C}}(R/I)$

or use $R = \mathbb{C}[[\bar{x}, \bar{y}]] :=$ ring of power series

Properties of intersection multiplicities:

Say $f(P) = g(P) = h(P) = 0$. Then

- ① $(f,g)_P \geq 1$
- ② $\Rightarrow (f,gh)_P = (f,g)_P + (f,h)_P$
- ③ If $h(P) \neq 0$, then $(f,gh)_P = (f,g)_P$
- ④ Intersection at P transverse $\Leftrightarrow (f,g)_P = 1$.

Rem: transverse \forall intersection points $\Rightarrow |C_1 \cap C_2| = d_1 d_2$

Write an irreducible curve $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ of degree d as

$$z^d h_0(x,y) + z^{d-1} h_1(x,y) + \dots + h_d(x,y) = 0$$

$h_i =$ hom. poly of deg $= i$.

Dfn: $P = [0:0:1]$. Multiplicity $\text{mult}_P(C)$ is the smallest n such that $h_n(x,y)$ is nonzero.

- ① $P \in C \Leftrightarrow \text{mult}_P(C) \geq 1$
- ② P is a singular point $\Leftrightarrow \text{mult}_P(C) \geq 2$.

Prop: C_1, C_2 distinct, irred. curves in \mathbb{P}^2 and $P \in C_1 \cap C_2$. Then

$$(C_1 \cdot C_2)_P \geq \text{mult}_P(C_1) \cdot \text{mult}_P(C_2)$$

2.3 Applications of Bezout's Theorem

Prop: $f(x,y,z)$ hom. poly. If the system

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = 0$$

has no solutions in \mathbb{P}^2 , then f is irreducible.

Prop: C irred. curve of deg $d \geq 2$ and $P, Q \in C$ distinct. Then $\text{mult}_P(C) + \text{mult}_Q(C) \leq d$

Rem: for a line L and curve C with deg $d \geq 2$, Bezout $\Rightarrow d = \sum_{R \in L \cap C} (L \cdot C)_R$, and $(L \cdot C)_P \geq \text{mult}_P(C)$.

Cor: $P \in C$ on irred curve, deg $d \geq 2$. Then $\text{mult}_P(C) < d$.

Cor: An irreducible cubic has at most 1 singular point.

2.4 Points on Curves

Prop: $P_1, P_2 \in \mathbb{P}^2$ distinct. $\exists!$ line passing through them.

Prop: $P_1, \dots, P_5 \in \mathbb{P}^2$ distinct, no four contained in a line. Then $\exists!$ conic passing through them.

Prop: let $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ be irred. curve, $\deg \geq 4$. Then C has at most 3 singular points.

$S_d :=$ space of homogeneous degree d polynomials
 $\dim(S_d) = \frac{(d+1)(d+2)}{2}$

Dfn: Σ a finite set of points. Then
 $S_d(\Sigma) := \{f \in S_d \mid f(p) = 0 \forall p \in \Sigma\}$

" Σ imposes independent conditions on $S_d \Leftrightarrow$
 $\dim S_d(\Sigma) = \dim S_d - |\Sigma|$."

note: $\dim S_d(\Sigma) \geq \dim S_d - |\Sigma|$.

$\dim S_1 = 3$

- P imposes i.c. on S_1 .
- P, Q impose i.c. on $S_1 \Leftrightarrow P \neq Q$.
- P, Q, R impose i.c. $\Leftrightarrow P, Q, R$ are not collinear.
- ≥ 4 points do not impose i.c.s.

$\dim S_2 = 6$

- 1, ..., 3 points impose i.c.s \Leftrightarrow distinct
- 4 points impose i.c.s \Leftrightarrow distinct and not collinear
- 6 points impose i.c.s \Leftrightarrow do not lie on a conic
- ≥ 7 fail to impose i.c.s.

Thm: 5 points impose i.c.s on S_2 (i.e. $\exists!$ conic passing through them) \Leftrightarrow no 4 are collinear

See slides for finding i.c. criteria.

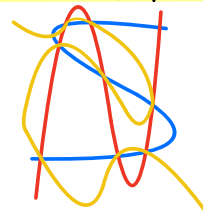
Prop: $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{P}^2$.

① suppose $a > d$ points lie on a line L given by $f(x, y, z) = 0$. Then $S_d(\Sigma) = f \cdot S_{d-1}(\Sigma \setminus L)$

② Suppose $a > 2d$ points lie on an irreducible conic C given by $f(x, y, z) = 0$. Then $S_d(\Sigma) = f \cdot S_{d-2}(\Sigma \setminus C)$.

Thm: $P_1, \dots, P_8 \in \mathbb{P}^2$ distinct, and suppose at most 3 lie on a line and at most 6 lie on an irred. conic. Then P_1, \dots, P_8 impose i.c.s on S_3 .

Thm: (Chasles) C_1, C_2 cubics intersecting at 9 distinct points, P_1, \dots, P_9 . Then any cubic passing through P_1, \dots, P_8 passes through P_9 .



Thm: (Pascal) Let C be an irreducible conic and $P_1, P_2, P_3, Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$ distinct points on C . Then

$R_1 = P_1 Q_1 \cap P_3 Q_3$, $R_2 = P_2 Q_1 \cap P_3 Q_2$, and $R_3 = P_2 Q_3 \cap P_1 Q_2$ are collinear.

3.1 Inflection points

Rem: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ curve, L line intersecting C at smooth point. $(L \cdot C)_P \geq 2 \iff L$ is tangent at P .

Dfn: $P \in C$ is called **inflection point** if it is smooth and $(L \cdot C)_P \geq 3$, $L =$ tangent at P .

Dfn: $f(x, y, z)$ hom. poly. Hessian:

$$\text{Hess}(f) = \det \begin{pmatrix} f_{xx} & f_{xy} & f_{xz} \\ f_{xy} & f_{yy} & f_{yz} \\ f_{xz} & f_{yz} & f_{zz} \end{pmatrix} \quad f_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial i \partial j}$$

Thm (Hess. Criterion): Let $P \in \mathbb{P}^2$ satisfy $f(P) = \text{Hess}(f)(P) = 0$. If $P \in C$, $C = f(x, y, z)$ smooth, then P is an inflection point. $\Rightarrow (f \cdot \text{Hess}(f))_P = 1 \iff (L \cdot f)_P = 3$, $L =$ tangent at P .

Prop: Let f have no linear factors. Then $f = 0$ has finitely many inflection points. $\Rightarrow \text{Hess}(f)$ and f have no common factors.

Prop: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ smooth curve, $\text{deg} \geq 3$. Then C has at least one inflection point.

Prop: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ smooth cubic. Then C has 9 distinct inflection points.

3.2 : Classification of Cubics

Rem: any line $L \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ is projectively equivalent to $z = 0$

Thm (Weierstrass form): Let $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ be a smooth cubic. Then \exists projective transformation which takes it to $y^2 z = x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$

Thm: A Weierstrass cubic $y^2 z = x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$ is smooth iff the discriminant $\Delta = -16(4a^3 + 27b^2) \neq 0$

Rem: $\Delta = 0 \iff x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$ has a repeated root.

Thm (Legendre form): $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ smooth cubic. Then \exists projective transformation which takes it to the form $y^2 z = x(x-z)(x-\lambda z)$ for $\lambda \neq 0, 1$.

Dfn: The j -invariant of $y^2 z = x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$ is $j = 1728 \frac{4a^3}{4a^3 + 27b^2}$

Thm: two smooth Weierstrass cubics are projectively equivalent iff they have the same j invariant.

Thm: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ singular irreducible cubic. Then \exists projective transformation taking C to one of the following forms:

- ① (nodal) $zy^2 = x^2(x+z)$
- ② (cuspidal) $zy^2 = x^3$

Thm: reducible cubic always contains a line.

Projectively equivalent to

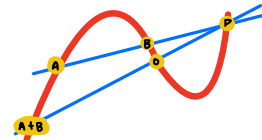
$$\begin{aligned} x(zy+x^2) &= 0 & xy(x+y) &= 0 \\ x(zx+y^2) &= 0 & x^2y &= 0 \\ xy &= 0 & x^3 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

3.3. Group Law on Elliptic curves

Dfn: Elliptic curve := smooth cubic $E \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ with a chosen point $O \in E$.

$E \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ elliptic, $A, B \in E$. Define $A+B \in E$ as follows:

- $L_1 := AB$. If $A=B$, $L_1 =$ tangent line at A .
- $L_1 \cap E = \{A, B, P\}$ counted w/ multiplicity. Degen. cases:
 - $A=B \neq P$. L_1 tangent to A , intersects P transversely
 - $A \neq B = P$. L_1 tangent to P , intersects A transversely
 - $A=B=P$. L_1 tangent to A , A an inflection point.
- $L_2 := OP$. Third intersection point is $A+B$.



$\Rightarrow E$ forms an abelian group.

Prop: $A, B, C \in E$, and $O \in E$ an inflection point. Then A, B, C lie on a line $\iff A+B+C = O$

Prop: $O \in E$ an inflection point and $P \in E$. The inverse $-P \in E$ is the third point on line OP .

Prop: $O \in E$ an inflection point, $A \in E$ s.t. $3A = O$. Then A is an inflection point.

Denote third point on line OP by \bar{P}

If O an inflection point, then $-A = \bar{A}$

4.1 Elliptic curves over other Fields

Dfn: K a field. $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ given by $f(x, y, z) = 0$. Then $C(K) := \{ [x:y:z] \in K : f(x, y, z) = 0 \}$.

Rem: Cubic smooth over \mathbb{F}_p iff $p \nmid \Delta$

Prop: $E(K)$ an abelian group.

Thm (Mordell): $E(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}^{\text{rank}} \times \mathbb{Z}/q_1\mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/q_n\mathbb{Z}$

Thm (Faltings): $C \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Q}}^2$ smooth curve deg $d \geq 4$. Then $C(\mathbb{Q})$ is finite.

Dfn: G abelian, $a, b \in G$. Discrete logarithm: $\log_b a \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $a = b^{\log_b a}$.

Prop: $E: y^2z = x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3$. Then $E(\mathbb{F}_p) \leq 2p+1$.

4.2. Rational Curves

Dfn: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ is **rational** if \exists non-constant map $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ $[a:b] \mapsto [p(a,b):q(a,b):r(a,b)]$ for some hom. poly of the same deg ≥ 1 , whose **image is contained in C** .

Prop: C rational $\Leftrightarrow \exists p \in C(\mathbb{C}(t))$ with nonconstant coords.

Prop: C irred. + rational $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow C$ surjective

Prop: C irred conic $\Rightarrow \exists$ iso $\mathbb{P}^1 \rightarrow C \Rightarrow C$ rational

Prop: C irred. Singular cubic $\Rightarrow C$ rational

- **cuspidal:** $[a:b] \mapsto [a^2b : a^3 : b^3]$
- **nodal:** $[a:b] \mapsto [a^2b - b^3 : a^3 - ab^2 : b^3]$

Prop: Legendre cubic is not rational \Rightarrow Smooth cubics are not rational.

4.3 : Topology of Curves



Thm: Every real 2D connected, compact, oriented manifold is homeomorphic to a compact, oriented surface of genus $g \geq 0$

Thm (Genus-degree formula)

$C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ smooth curve of deg d . Then C is homeomorphic to a compact, oriented surface of genus $g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$

relative to quotient topology

5.1 Noetherian Rings

Dfn: Ring **noetherian** if all its ideals are finitely generated

Prop: R noetherian, $I \subset R$ ideal $\Rightarrow R/I$ Noetherian.

Thm: R Noetherian

\Leftrightarrow Every ascending chain of ideals stabilizes

\Leftrightarrow Every non \emptyset set of ideals in R has a max element

Thm: R Noetherian $\Rightarrow R[x]$ Noetherian.

... $\mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ Noetherian.

5.2 Algebraic Sets

Dfn: $\Sigma \subset \mathbb{C}^n$. **Vanishing ideal** $I(\Sigma) \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is the ideal of poly f s.t. $f(p) = 0 \forall p \in \Sigma$.

Rem: $\Sigma_1 \subset \Sigma_2 \Rightarrow I(\Sigma_2) \subset I(\Sigma_1)$

$I(\Sigma) = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] \Leftrightarrow \Sigma = \emptyset$.

Dfn: $I \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ideal. **Vanishing set** $V(I) \subset \mathbb{C}^n = \{p \in \mathbb{C}^n : f(p) = 0 \forall f \in I\}$. Called "Algebraic set"

Rem: $I_1 \subset I_2 \Rightarrow V(I_2) \subset V(I_1)$

Lem: $V(I(\Sigma)) = \Sigma$ Lem: $I \subset I(V(I))$

Dfn: $I \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ an ideal. **Radical** $\sqrt{I} \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ $\{f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] : f^m \in I\}$. I "radical" if $\sqrt{I} = I$.

Rem: **prime ideal**: $\forall ab \in I$, then $a \in I$ or $b \in I$.
is radical: $f^m \in I$, then $f \in I$ or $f^{m-1} \in I$

Rem: $V(\sqrt{I}) = V(I)$

Thm (Nullstellensatz): $I \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$:
 $\sqrt{I} = I(V(I))$

Cor (W.N.1): $m \subset \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ maximal.

Then $m = (x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n)$ for some $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$

Cor (W.N.2) $V(I) = \emptyset \Rightarrow I = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Cor: \exists 1:1 correspondence

$V: \{\text{radical ideals}\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{algebraic subsets}\}: I$

Dfn: alg. subset is **irreducible** if it is not a union of two distinct alg. subsets.

Cor \exists 1:1 correspondence

$V: \{\text{prime ideals}\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{irred. algebraic subsets}\}: I$

6.1 Polynomial functions

Dfn: *polynomial function* $f: \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$; $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
for $f \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Dfn: let $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be an algebraic subset. The *coordinate ring* is $\mathbb{C}[X] := \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \mathcal{I}(X)$

Rem: $\mathbb{C}[\mathbb{C}^n] = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Dfn: $X \subset \mathbb{C}^m, Y \subset \mathbb{C}^n$. Then X and Y are *isomorphic* if $\mathbb{C}[X] \cong \mathbb{C}[Y]$ as rings.

Lem: line $L \subset \mathbb{C}^2$. Then $L \cong \mathbb{C}$ as an algebraic set.

Useful: R/I is an integral domain iff I is a prime ideal.

Dfn: a commutative ring is *reduced* if $f^N = 0$ for $f \in R$ implies that $f = 0$.

Rem: integral domain is reduced.

Lem: $R = \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / I$ is reduced $\Leftrightarrow I$ is radical.

Thm: \exists 1:1 correspondence
 $\{\text{affine algebraic sets}\} / \cong$ isomorphism



$\{\text{reduced finitely generated } \mathbb{C}\text{-algebras}\} / \cong$ isomorphism
given by sending $X \mapsto \mathbb{C}[X]$.

6.2 Affine Varieties

Dfn: An *affine variety* is an irreducible affine algebraic set.

Thm: \exists 1:1 Correspondence
 $\{\text{affine varieties}\} / \cong$ isomorphism



$\{\text{fin. gen., integral domain } \mathbb{C}\text{-algebras}\} / \cong$ isomorphism

Prop: A prime ideal $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{C}[x, y]$ is either:

- $\mathcal{I} = 0$
- $\mathcal{I} = (f)$ for an irreducible polynomial $f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$
- $\mathcal{I} = \langle x-a, y-b \rangle$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$.

Lem: cuspidal cubic $C: y^2 = x^3$ is irreducible

Prop: $C \not\cong \mathbb{C}$ as an affine variety

6.3. Polynomial Maps and Normal Varieties

Dfn: $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n, Y \subset \mathbb{C}^m$ algebraic sets. A *polynomial map* $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a map given by $f: P \mapsto (f_1(P), \dots, f_m(P))$ for some $f_1, \dots, f_m \in \mathbb{C}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$.

Lem: $f: X \rightarrow Y$ poly. map induces map of \mathbb{C} -algebras by $f^*: \mathbb{C}[Y] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[X]; g \mapsto g \circ f$, that is
contravariant: $f^* \circ g^* = (g \circ f)^*$.

Lem: $F: \mathbb{C}[Y] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}[X]$ homo. Then $F = f^*$ for a! poly $f: X \rightarrow Y$.

Dfn: poly map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is an *isomorphism* if \exists poly map $g: Y \rightarrow X$ s.t. $g \circ f = \text{id}_X$ and $f \circ g = \text{id}_Y$.

Dfn: R an I.D. and K its field of fractions

• $\alpha \in K$ is *integral* over R if $\exists a_0, \dots, a_{d-1} \in R$ such that $\alpha^d + a_{d-1}\alpha^{d-1} + \dots + a_0 = 0$

• The *integral closure* $\bar{R} \subset K$ is the set of elements integral over R

• R is *integrally closed* if $\bar{R} = R$.

Dfn: aff. var. X is *normal* if $\mathbb{C}[X]$ is integrally closed.

$\mathbb{C}(X)$ = field of rational fractions on X .

Prop: UFD is integrally closed.

Ex. \mathbb{C}^n is normal.

Thm (Zariski): a curve $C \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ is smooth $\Leftrightarrow C$ is normal

6.4: Zariski Topology on \mathbb{C}^n

Dfn: a *Zariski closed subset* $Z \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ is an algebraic subset.

Prop: \hookrightarrow forms topology on \mathbb{C}^2 .

Rem: can intersect Zariski closed subsets with alg. set $X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ to define topology on X .

Prop: poly function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ continuous in Zariski top.

6.5: Automorphisms

X = aff. alg set. $\text{Aut}(X) := \{\text{isomorphisms } X \rightarrow X\}$. = group.

Prop: $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C})$ is isomorphic to the group of affine transformations $x \mapsto ax + b, a \neq 0$.

Thm (Jung): $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{C}^2)$ is gen. by $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y + f(x))$ $f \in \mathbb{C}[x]$, and $(x, y) \mapsto (ax + by + \alpha, cx + dy + \beta), ad - bc \neq 0$.

7.1 Rational Functions

Dfn: elements of $\mathbb{C}(X)$ are called **rational functions**

Dfn: $\phi \in \mathbb{C}(X)$ is **regular** at $P \in X$ if ϕ can be written as $\frac{f}{g}$ with $g(P) \neq 0$. $\text{dom}(\phi) := \{P \in X \text{ where } \phi \text{ is regular}\}$

Dfn: $K \subset L$ a field

- $S \subset L$ is **algebraically independent** over K if elements in S do **NOT** satisfy a single nontrivial polynomial equation with coeffs. in K .
- The **transcendence degree** of L/K is the largest cardinality of an alg. indep. subset of L over K .
- X aff. var. The **dimension** of X is tr. deg. of $\mathbb{C}(X) : \mathbb{C}$

7.2 Rational maps

Dfn: **rational map** $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ is a collection of rational functions $f_1, \dots, f_m \in \mathbb{C}(X)$. $\text{dom}(f) = \bigcap_{i=1}^m \text{dom}(f_i)$

Dfn: **rational map** $f: X \rightarrow Y = f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$ s.t. $f(\text{dom}(f)) \subset Y$

Thm: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ rational map of aff. var.

- ① $\text{dom}(\phi) \subset X$ is open and dense in Zariski topology
- ② $\text{dom}(\phi) = X \iff \phi$ is a polynomial map (defined everywhere)

Dfn: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ is **dominant** if $\phi(\text{dom}(\phi))$ is dense in Y

Prop: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ dominant, $\psi: Y \rightarrow Z$ arbitrary, then $\psi \circ \phi: X \rightarrow Z$ is well defined.

X, Y aff. var, $\phi: X \rightarrow Y \implies \phi^*: \mathbb{C}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(X)$, $\phi^*: f \mapsto f \circ \phi$.
 ϕ dominant $\implies \phi^*$ injective.

Cor: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ dominant, induces homo $\phi^*: \mathbb{C}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(X)$.

Lem: $\tilde{\phi}: \mathbb{C}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(X)$ homo of \mathbb{C} -alg. Then $\exists!$ dominant map $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ s.t. $\tilde{\phi} = \phi^*$.

Dfn: dominant $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ is **birational** if \exists dominant $\psi: Y \rightarrow X$ s.t. $\psi \circ \phi = \text{id}_X$, $\phi \circ \psi = \text{id}_Y$.

Cor: X, Y birational $\iff \mathbb{C}(X) \cong \mathbb{C}(Y)$ as \mathbb{C} -algebras.

7.3 Projective Nullstellensatz

Dfn: an ideal $I \subset \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ is **homogeneous** if for every $f \in I$, its homogeneous components also lie in I .

Lem: $I \subset \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ homo $\iff I$ gen. by homo.

Dfn: $I \subset \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ homo. The **vanishing set** is $V(I) := \{P \in \mathbb{P}^n : h(P) = 0 \forall h \in I, h \text{ homo}\}$
 $V(I)$ is called **algebraic**.

Rem: $\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ Noetherian $\implies I$ fin. gen.
 $V(I) =$ zero locus of some finite set of polynomials.

Dfn: $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ a subset. The **ideal of vanishing** is $I(X) := \{h \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ homo} : h(P) = 0 \forall P \in X\}$

Thm: (Projective Nullstellensatz) I homo, then

- ① $V(I) = \emptyset \iff \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle \subset I$
- ② $V(I) \neq \emptyset \implies \sqrt{I} = I(V(I))$

Cor: \exists 1:1 Correspondence

$\{ \text{hom. radical ideals of } \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ not containing } \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle \}$
 \updownarrow
 $\{ \text{algebraic subsets of } \mathbb{P}^n \}$

Dfn: Alg. sub. $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ is **irreducible** if $X \neq X_1 \cup X_2$, X_1, X_2 alg subs. called a **projective variety**.

Cor: \exists 1:1 Correspondence

$\{ \text{hom. prime ideals of } \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n] \text{ not containing } \langle x_0, \dots, x_n \rangle \}$
 \updownarrow
 $\{ \text{irred. algebraic subsets of } \mathbb{P}^n \}$

Dfn: $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ **closed** if algebraic. \rightarrow defines topology.

\mathbb{P}^n covered by open sets $U_i \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ defined by $x_i \neq 0$. Gives iso $U_i \cong \mathbb{C}^n$ $[x_0 : \dots : x_n] \mapsto (x_0/x_i, \dots, \hat{x}_i, \dots, x_n/x_i)$.

7.4. Birational Maps

Dfn: **rational function** $\phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{C} := \frac{f}{g}$, $f, g \in \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

hom., $\deg(f) = \deg(g)$, $g \notin \mathcal{I}(X)$

- ϕ **regular** at $P \in X$ if $g(P) \neq 0$.
- $\text{dom}(\phi) = \{P \in X : P \text{ regular}\}$

Lem: U_i standard open $\subset \mathbb{P}^n$.

$$X \cap U_i \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \mathbb{C}(X) \cong \mathbb{C}(X \cap U_i)$$

Cor: $X \cap U_i \neq \emptyset \neq X \cap U_j$, then $X \cap U_i$ and $X \cap U_j$ are birational as affine varieties.

Dfn: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ a **morphism** (poly map) if $\text{dom}(\phi) = X$.

Dfn: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ **dominant** if $\phi(\text{dom} \phi)$ is dense in Y

Dfn: $\phi: X \rightarrow Y$ **birational** if $\exists \text{ dom. } \psi: Y \rightarrow X$ $\begin{cases} \psi \circ \phi = \text{id}_X \\ \phi \circ \psi = \text{id}_Y \end{cases}$

Cor: $\mathbb{C}(X) \cong \mathbb{C}(Y) \Leftrightarrow X, Y$ birational.

Dfn: X proj. var is **rational** if X birat. to \mathbb{P}^n

Ex. smooth conic is rational

Ex. Legendre cubic rational $\Leftrightarrow \lambda = 0, 1$.

8.1 Surfaces

Dfn: **surface** $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ of deg $d :=$ zero set of hom poly $f(x, y, z, w) = 0$, $\deg f = d$.

Dfn: a **projective transformation** is an iso $\mathbb{P}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$ given by acting on $[x:y:z:w]$ by an invertible 4×4 matrix $\text{PGL}_4(\mathbb{C}) := \text{GL}_4(\mathbb{C})/\mathbb{C}^*$

Dfn: $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is **smooth** if $(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial w})|_P \neq 0 \forall P \in S$.

Dfn: $P \in S$ smooth. The **tangent plane** at P is:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(P)x + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(P)y + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(P)z + \frac{\partial f}{\partial w}(P)w = 0$$

Dfn: line $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is an embedding $\mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ given by:
 $[\lambda:\mu] \mapsto [x_1\lambda + x_2\mu : y_1\lambda + y_2\mu : z_1\lambda + z_2\mu : w_1\lambda + w_2\mu]$
 $[x_1:y_1:z_1:w_1] \neq [x_2:y_2:z_2:w_2]$

Prop: $P \in S$ smooth, $p \in \ell \subset S$. Then $\ell \subset$ tangent plane at P .

8.2. Quadric Surfaces

Dfn: **quadric surface** $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is given by $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dxz + Eyz + Fz^2 + Gxw + Hyw + Izw + Jw^2 = 0$
 equivalently:

$$(x, y, z, w) \begin{pmatrix} A & B/2 & D/2 & G/2 \\ B/2 & C & E/2 & H/2 \\ D/2 & E/2 & F & I/2 \\ G/2 & H/2 & I/2 & J \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

Thm: every quad. surf. $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is projectively equiv. to either
 irreducible $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2 = 0 \\ \textcircled{2} x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 0 \end{array} \right.$ reducible $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{3} x^2 + y^2 = 0 \\ \textcircled{4} x^2 = 0 \end{array} \right.$

Cor: quad surf smooth $\iff \det(Q) \neq 0$.

Dfn: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ curve, $f(x, y, z) = 0$. A **cone** on C is a surface in \mathbb{P}^3 defined by $f(x, y, z) = 0$.
 \hookrightarrow has singular point $[0:0:0:1]$

8.3 Segre Embedding

Dfn: **Segre Embedding** is the map $\phi: \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$:
 $([x_0:\dots:x_n], [y_0:\dots:y_m]) \mapsto [z_{ij}]_{i=0,\dots,n; j=0,\dots,m}$
 $N = (n+1)(m+1) - 1$

Prop: Segre is injective. Image of ϕ is variety given by vanishing of 2×2 determinants of matrix $[x_{ij}]$

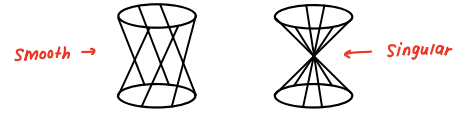
Prop: product of proj. var is proj. var.

Prop: smooth quad surf $\cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ as proj. var.

8.4 Lines on Surfaces

$S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ irred. quad. surf.

- S smooth $\implies \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, two rulings by lines
- S singular $\implies S =$ Cone of smooth conic. one ruling by lines.



Thm (Segre) If $d \geq 3$, then S contains at most $(d-2)(d-6)$ (finitely many) lines.
 e.g. $d=4$ contains ≤ 64 lines.

Thm (Cayley, Salmon): a smooth cubic surface in \mathbb{P}^3 contains exactly 27 lines.

Prop: $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ irreducible cubic surface, $P \in S$ singular. Then $\exists \ell \subset S$ s.t. $p \in \ell$.

Thm: $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ irreducible singular surface. Then either

- S has infinitely many singular points
- $S \cong$ Cone on irreducible cubic (one singular point)
- S contains fewer than 27 lines.

9.2: 27 Lines on a Smooth cubic surface

Rem: a plane and a line always intersect in \mathbb{P}^3 .

Lem: $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ irreducible cubic surface, and Π a plane.

Then $\Pi \cap S$ is a cubic (curve) $C \subset \Pi$ and so is either:

- ① C an irreducible cubic
 - ② C union of conic and line
 - ③ C union of 3 lines
- } reducible
- $\hookrightarrow S$ smooth + ③ \Rightarrow 3 distinct lines

Lem: $\ell \subset S$ a line. Then \exists plane $\Pi \subset \mathbb{P}^3$, $\ell \subset \Pi$ s.t $\Pi \cap S$ is a union of 3 lines.

Lem: $\ell \subset S$. An ℓ' 's intersecting ℓ is contained in a plane w/ ℓ .

9.3 Rational Surfaces

$X :=$ proj. var, $\dim(X) = n$.

Dfn: X is **rational** if \exists birat. map $\mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$ slightly weaker notion.

Dfn: X is **unirational** if \exists dom rat. map $\mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$

Rational \Rightarrow unirational.

Prop: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ curve. A rational map $f: \mathbb{P}^1 \dashrightarrow C$ is **regular** morphism of projective var.

Thm (Lüroth): **unirational curve is rational.**

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- irreducible conic is rational
- irreducible singular cubic is rational
- **Smooth cubic is NOT rational**

Thm (Castelnuovo): unirational surface is rational

Thm: **Smooth cubic surface is rational.**

10.1: Tangent Spaces to Varieties

$X: f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 :=$ irreducible hypersurface in \mathbb{C}^n

Dfn: $P \in X$ is singular if $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(P) = \dots = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(P) = 0$

otherwise smooth. $P = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in X$ smooth, tangent plane is

the affine hyperplane $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}(P)(x_1 - a_1) + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n}(P)(x_n - a_n) = 0$

Similarly for in \mathbb{P}^n .

Prop: $X: f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0$ irred. hypersurface in \mathbb{C}^n . The set of singular points is a proper alg. sub of X . The set of smooth points is dense.

$X \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ aff. var, $\mathcal{I}(X) = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle$, $P = [a_1 : \dots : a_n] \in X$.

Dfn: tangent space $T_P X =$ affine subspace of \mathbb{C}^n given by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_1}(P)(x_1 - a_1) + \dots + \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_n}(P)(x_n - a_n) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} i = 1, \dots, m$$

Dfn: $P \in X$ smooth if $\dim T_P X = \dim X$.

If $f: X \rightarrow Y$ an iso of aff var, P smooth $\Leftrightarrow f(P)$ smooth

Prop: $X =$ proj. var. Set of singular points of X is a proper algebraic subset.

10.2 Blowups and Curves

Dfn: Parametrize $\mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ by $((x, y), [\alpha : \beta])$. The blowup of \mathbb{C}^2 at $(0, 0)$ is the subset $Bl_{(0,0)} \mathbb{C}^2 \subset \mathbb{C}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ defined by

$$x\beta = \alpha y$$

Let $\pi: Bl_{(0,0)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ (proj. onto first factor), and denote by $E = \pi^{-1}(0, 0)$ the exceptional curve.

Rem: $E \cong \mathbb{P}^1$, π is a morphism, π restricts to an isomorphism $S/E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2 \setminus (0, 0)$, in particular, π is birational.

Dfn: Parametrize $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ by $([x : y : z], [\alpha : \beta])$. The blowup of \mathbb{P}^2 at $[0 : 0 : 1]$ is the subset $Bl_{[0:0:1]} \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ defined by

$$x\beta = \alpha y$$

Let $\pi: Bl_{[0:0:1]} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ (projection) and $E = \pi^{-1}([0 : 0 : 1])$ be called the exceptional curve.

Rem: $E \cong \mathbb{P}^1$, $\pi: Bl_{[0:0:1]} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ birational morphism. and $Bl_{[0:0:1]} \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus E \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus [0 : 0 : 1]$

Dfn: $C \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ a curve. Its strict transform $\tilde{C} \subset Bl_{[0:0:1]} \mathbb{P}^2$ is the closure of $\pi^{-1}(C \setminus [0 : 0 : 1])$. If $[0 : 0 : 1] \in C$, then $\hat{C} = Bl_{[0:0:1]} C$ is the blowup of C at $[0 : 0 : 1]$.

Rem: blowup at smooth point is an iso, $C \cong \hat{C}$.

idea: makes singular curves (eventually) smooth.

10.3: Blowups and Surfaces

let $Z \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be subvar, $\mathcal{I}(Z) = (g_0, \dots, g_k)$

Dfn: blowup of \mathbb{C}^n with center at Z is the subvariety $Bl_Z \mathbb{C}^n \subset \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{P}^k$ defined by $u_i g_j(x) - u_j g_i(x) = 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $[u_0 : \dots : u_k] \in \mathbb{P}^k$.

$\pi: Bl_Z \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n: \pi^{-1}(Z) \subset Bl_Z \mathbb{C}^n$ is the exceptional hypersurface

Thm: The blowup of \mathbb{P}^2 at 6 points, no 3 collinear and not all lying in a conic, is a cubic surface. Any cubic surface is obtained in this way.

10.4: Birational Geometry

Thm: smooth projective curve has genus $g \geq 0$, and for each genus there are finitely many parameters describing a curve of genus g .

Rem: $f: C_1 \dashrightarrow C_2$ rational map of smooth proj. curves. Then f is a morphism, and smooth birational curves are isomorphic.

Thm: $f: X \dashrightarrow Y$ rational morphism. Then there is a blowup $\pi: \hat{X} \rightarrow X$ and a morphism $\hat{f}: \hat{X} \rightarrow Y$ s.t. $\hat{f} = f \circ \pi$.

